

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nutrient						
1.	N	Demand/Potential requirement:	94.2	99.39	108.72	115.28
		Consumption:	87.89	95.07	98.23	112.48 (likely)
2.	P	Demand/Potential requirement:	34.13	35.29	38.57	39.23
		Consumption:	26.69	29.32	28.98	37.09 (likely)
3.	K	Demand/Potential requirement:	12.04	13.15	14.21	15.35
		Consumption:	9.08	11.25	11.56	14.65 (likely)
4.	N+P+K	Demand/Potential requirement:	140.37	147.83	161.5	169.86
		Consumption:	123.66	135.64	138.77	164.22 (likely)

DAP = Di-Ammonium Phosphate; MOP = Muriate of Potash; SSP = Single Super Phosphate; N = Nitrogen; P = Phosphate and K = Potash.

[English]

Cotton Testing Laboratories

*333. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where Cotton Testing Laboratories have been established, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish more Cotton Testing Laboratories in the country particularly at Bellary in Karnataka to meet the needs of the cotton growing farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, there is one laboratory namely, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology with Head Quarters in Mumbai (Maharashtra) and 13 Regional Units situated at Ludhiana, Hissar, Sirsa, Sriganaganagar, Surat, Indore, Akola, Nagpur, Rahuri, Nanded, Dharwar, Guntur and Coimbatore.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

Area under Jute Cultivation

*334. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area of land under jute cultivation in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the extent to which it has increased/decreased in each State as compared to the previous two years;

(c) the reasons for decrease in the area of land under jute cultivation, if any, during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken to check decline in the area under jute cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The area under jute cultivation for the country as a whole during 1995-96 was around the same level of 738 thousand hectares as in 1994-95, whereas it registered an increase of 6.2 per cent over 1993-94. Statement-I giving State-wise percentage change of area under jute during 1995-96 in comparison to 1994-95 and 1993-94 is annexed.

(c) and (d) As can be seen from the statement, there has hardly been any decline in the area under Jute in the country, hence any corrective checks are not considered necessary at this stage. However, inter-State variations in the area under Jute crop is attributed to varied weather conditions. The prices of jute have otherwise been generally favourable as may be seen from the Statement-II enclosed.

Statement-I

Statewise Estimates of Area under Jute During 1995-96 in Comparison to 1994-95 and 1993-94

1	Area (Thousand Hectares)			Percentage Increase (+)/ Decrease (-) in 1995-96	
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95
	2	3	4	5	6
Assam	76.2	90.9	88.6	16.3	-2.5
Bihar	121.3	126.3	119.8	-1.2	-5.1
Meghalaya	4.3	4.2	4.2	-2.3	0.0
Nagaland	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Orissa	15.6	7.4	8.1	-48.1	9.5
Tripura	1.5	1.7	1.1	-26.7	-35.3
Uttar Pradesh	0.4	0.1	0.1	-75.0	0.0
West Bengal	475.2	507.9	515.8	8.5	1.6
All India	694.7	738.7	737.9	6.2	-0.1

Statement-II

Wholesale Prices of Raw Jute

(Rs. per quintal)

State/Centre	Variety	Year	Minimum Support Price	Aug.	Oct.	Dec.	Feb.	April	June	Annual Average
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
West Bengal										
Calcutta	(W-5)	1992-93	411.00	435	385	—	440	460	645	456.50
		1993-94	466.00	515	575	795	805	800	800	710.41
		1994-95	483.50	585	670	705	780	865	1225	816.16
		1995-96	506.50	895	1205	1365	1430	1550	1630	1340.83
		1996-97	532.50	800	890	850	930	—	—	—
	(TD-5)	1992-93	431.00	470	410	—	500	515	610	492.50
		1993-94	491.00	655	595	815	825	830	830	745.83
		1994-95	513.50	615	700	735	815	900	1260	854.00
		1995-96	536.50	920	1240	1400	1480	1610	1690	1382.50
		1996-97	562.50	860	950	910	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Assam										
Nowgong	(TD-5)	1992-93	400.00	370	340	270	270	270	410	312.92
		1993-94	450.00	510	600	700	720	750	750	658.75
		1994-95	470.00	550	600	630	680	—	—	623.33
		1995-96	490.00	—	—	1225	1450	1500	1650	1459.29
		1996-97	510.00	750	830	750	—	—	—	—
Bihar										
Purnea	(WD-5)	1992-93	403.50	390	340	335	390	480	530	410.83
		1993-94	476.00	490	700	760	770	820	760	693.33
		1994-95	498.50	550	630	675	750	825	1050	723.33
		1995-96	519.00	810	1100	1300	1400	1400	1450	1238.33
		1996-97	541.00	750	825	775	850	—	—	—

—Not Reported.

Sealing of Border of Gujarat

*335. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has proposed to the Centre to seal the border of the State across Pakistan so as to stop infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition and drugs;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for sealing the border across Pakistan; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d) Government is aware that with the sealing of Punjab and Rajasthan borders, terrorists/smugglers have been trying to use the Gujarat border as one of the alternative routes for infiltration, smuggling of arms and ammunition and other contraband. To control the situation, BSF has been deployed on the land border along the Rann of Kutch including the Creeks in sufficient strength. Following steps have been taken to ensure proper surveillance of the border including the creek and coastal areas.

- (i) Mounted patrolling on camels and tractors is being done.
- (ii) OP Towers have been erected.
- (iii) Patrolling/Nakas have been increased/intensified. State Police has also deployed

Border Home Guards in the bordering areas under the command of a DIG (Border) at Bhuj to supplement BSF's efforts.

- (iv) Binoculars, Goggles, Twin telescopes, PNV binoculars and hand held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.
- (v) Helicopters are being provided for air surveillance of the international border and creek area.
- (vi) Boats/motor boats have been provided for patrolling in creek area.
- (vii) Coast Guard/Indian Navy is patrolling the Coastal area. State Police and Customs are also jointly patrolling shallow waters close to the coast by hired trawlers.

2. Due to seasonal inundation, no fencing in Rann area is possible, however, feasibility studies for ditch-cum-bund and erecting modified type of border fencing suitable for such terrain are being carried out by CPWD and BSF. The likely expenditure on fencing will be known only after the fencing programme is finalised.

Recognition of Peasants Struggle

*336. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether expeditious action has been taken by the Central Government with regard to recognition of Kayyur-Morazha-Punnappa-Vayalar peasants struggle after consulting the matter with the Government of Kerala;